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SUBJECT: FINLAND: NO PLANS TO FURTHER RESTRICT "NO FLY" DATA

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¶1. (SBU) Econoff spoke with Reijo Aarnio, Data Protection Ombudsman in the Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman, an independent authority operating in connection with the Finnish Ministry of Justice. According to Aarnio, Finland's data protection framework is rooted in Article 10 of the Finnish Constitution, the Personal Data Act, and applicable EU directives.

¶2. (SBU) The Personal Data Act in Finland governs the processing of all personal data, including "no fly" lists. Finland has no plans to change its procedures for data protection with regards to the transmission of passenger data to other countries. Aarnio believes the current system is working well so there is little reason to further restrict the passing of passenger data.

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